

FULL NAME	DUTY TO COOPERATE	LEGALLY COMPLIANT	SOUND	WHICH PART	WHICH PARAGRAPHS	WHICH POLICY	WHICH POLICY MAP	WHICH DIAGRAM	WHICH TABLE
Dr Steven Coles	No	Yes	No	Paragraph, Policies Map	Charnwood Plan p34, p42-47 Charnwood Plan Environment Policies 178-200		Policy Map 1		

WHY PLAN NOT SOUND	MODIFICATIONS	HEARINGS	HEARING SESSIONS
<p>The Charnwood Local Plan is not sound and is not reasoned based on its own Sustainability Appraisal. Charnwood Local Plan: Spatial strategy development Sustainability Appraisal advice note May 2020 for example P25 of this report concludes that "increase growth in Loughborough is limited by the Charnwood Forest to the southwest and settlement identity considerations to the south...it ought to be possible to accommodate between 300-700 further dwellings without triggering any significant negative effects." The Charnwood Plan appears to propose significantly more dwellings to the South West and South of Loughborough (p34) HA 15. HA16, HA17 are all South or South West Loughborough, though HA16 for some reason are not labelled as such. The dwelling proposed for this area are 1,352 on p34 of the local plan. The median suggested build that could be sustain in this area from the sustainability report is 450 dwellings, the Charnwood Plan is proposing around x3 this amount in this Geographical Sensitive Area. This suggests that the Charnwood Plan is not based on sound reasoning. There are also significant flood risk in area HA16 P46 of the Local Plan. It is clear from this one example, that the Sustainability appraisal has not been fully appreciated when the Charnwood Plan was designed and this might relate to the haste connected to the design of the plan related to the upscaling of National targets of expected population growth (though this growth is questionable).</p> <p>The Charnwood Plan has not based it decision making sufficiently on the National Planning Policy Framework (2021), namely in regards Conserving and Enhancing Natural Environment if it had it would not be building so extensively and excessively (including in its own Sustainability Report) in areas it regards as "sensitive and valued landscape" p44 of Charnwood Local Plan. Given this example of failed reasoning I would suggest that this Environmental focus, whilst given surface credence, has not been fully integrated into the Charnwood Local Plan decisioning make and needs to be done so across the piece, which is likely to alter decision making and choices of development significantly.</p> <p>The lack of full integration of Charnwood Plan's own Environment Polices and those from the National Planning Policy Framework will lead to significant damage to areas such as HA 15, HA 16 and HA 17</p> <p>1. HA15, HA 16, HA17 would develop over land this is not just used by people living locally, but by all in Loughborough and beyond. It is a unique and beautiful landscape and any development will irrevocably damage the aesthetics of the area and downgrade the enjoyment and well-being of the people of Loughborough. This is also a significant area for wildlife, with wildlife currently travelling through the area, there again will be catastrophic damage to the nature of Charnwood and the well-being and importance this brings to the area.</p> <p>3. HA 15 p42 This development will have a massive impact on the environment and enjoyment of this area, particularly with development right up to ancient woodland and will disrupt use and enjoyment this area.</p> <p>4. HA 16 p44 There has been an increase in flood risk since the development of Beck Crescent, despite flood mitigation. This risk is likely to increase with further development and with changes in weather patterns due to climate change. This will build on an area that is well used and loved by the community and the development will significantly damage the community well-being. The aesthetics of the area will be irrevocably damaged.</p> <p>5. HA17 p46 – 47. This is a sensitive area for wildlife and for the beauty an aesthetics of the area, which contributes to the well-being of the population</p>	<p>The Charnwood plan needs to reduce housing allocation in areas HA15, HA16, HA17 (South and South West of Loughb0rough) to 300-700 dwellings or consider zero development in this area and consider alternative development for example at a new site, with minimum disruption to biodiversity and this would then accord with its own Sustainability Report.</p> <p>The Charnwood Plan in general needs to implement and consider its own environmental policies and those from the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) as these have not sufficiently shaped sound decision making within the Plan. The NPPF (2021) p50 onwards including paragraph 174 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment the emphasis given conserving significant areas of nature, landscape and natural beauty, which would include the areas South and South West of Loughborough, the Charnwood needs to incorporate this fully into its decision making. The Charnwood Plan need to revisit the Sustainability Report and its own Environment Policies and NPPF (2021) and fully utilise in its decision making which currently is significantly flawed.</p>	<p>No</p>	